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SUBJECT: BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITIONS: RESULTS OF
MEETING OF BUDGET COMMITTEE, NOVEMBER 14, 1973

REFS: PARIS 28738; PARIS A-754, DATED NOV. 7, 1973

1. AT MEETING OF BIE BUDGET COMMITTEE, NOVEMBER 14, FOLLOWING
ACTION WAS TAKEN

2. COMMITTEE APPROVED BUDGET CY1974 AS NOTED REFTEL AND
PARIS A-754, BUT WITH THESE CHANGES:

(A) 1974 ESTIMATES CHAPTER I FOR SALARIES AND RELATED EXPENSES
INCREASED BY 10 PERCENT TO FRENCH FRANCS 279,033 TO COVER
ANTICIPATED STATUTORY INCREASE DUE INCREASED COST OF LIVING.

(B) RESERVES AT END OF FY1973 ESTIMATED UPWARD TO TOTAL OF 180,802
FF OWING TO RECALCULATION ANTICIPATED MEMBERSHIP DUES, THUS
LEAVING AN ANTICIPATED BALANCE AT END 1973 OF 94,395 FF. ANTI-
CIPATED DEFICIT 1974 OF APPROXIMATELY 27,000 FF WOULD BE TAKEN
FROM THIS SUM.

3. REVISED BUDGET DOCUMENTS FOLOW BY AIRGRAM.

4. COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED THAT SUBJECT PRIOR BIE APPROVAL
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TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ONE BIE

REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND OFFICIALLY REGISTERED EXPOSITIONS.

5. COMMITTEE DECIDED TO PROPOSE TO AUSTRALIA THAT ITS ANNUAL DUE BE FIGURED AT 20 "PARTS"(EACH PART 780FF) OR 15,600FF. AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION INDICATED IT WAS PREPARED ACCEPT CATEGORY II STATUS FOR MEMBERSHIP BUT WOULD HAVE TO REFERR TO CANBERRA THE PROPOSED SUB-CATEGORY OF 20 "PARTS"

6. COMMITTEE REVIEWED PROBLEM OF DELINQUENT DUES PAYMENT BUT COULD COME UP WITH NO SOLUTION TO ENFORCE PAYMENT, ALTHOUGH UNDER NEW CONVENTION IT WILL BE POSSIBLE WITHDRAW VOTE AFTER TWO YEARS DELINQUENCY.

7. UNFORTUNATELY, USUAL ISSUE OF INCOMPLETE PAYMENT BY U.S. OF ITS DUES IS HANDLED IN SAME CONTEXT AND DOCUMENT WHICH INCLUDES FLAGRANT DELINQUENTS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF REMAINDER U.S. DUES FOR CY1973 COULD BE PAID BEFORE BIE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING NOVEMBER 29.

8. CONTRARY TO EXPECTATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DECIDED TO RESUME DISCUSSION OF INCREASED FEES FOR REGISTRATION OF SPECIAL EXPOSITIONS. U.S. DELEGATE PROPOSED AS ALTERATIVE TO SIMPLE DOUBLING OF FEES FOR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS THAT INCREASE IN MEMBERS FEES BE LIMITED TO 50PERCENT. ENSUING DISCUSSION RESULTED IN AGREEMENT THAT NON-MEMBER FEES SHOULD GO UP 100 PERCENT AND THAT FEES FOR MEMBERS SHOULD IN PRINCIPLE BE LIMITED TO ESTIMATED SERVICE COSTS BY BIE SECRETARIAT. SECRETARY GENERAL TO MAKE STUDY OF REGISTRATION COSTS AND REPORT TO COMMITTEE.IRWIN

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